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DRAFT REPORT OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

Addendum

II. MATTERS RELATING TO THE DEFINITION AND DELIMITATION OF OUTER SPACE AND TO THE CHARACTER AND UTILIZATION OF THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF WAYS AND MEANS TO ENSURE THE RATIONAL AND EQUITABLE USE OF THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (AGENDA ITEM 4)

1. The Chairman made an introductory statement on agenda item 4 at the 565th meeting, on 26 March. He referred to the work of the Subcommittee at its thirty-first session in 1992.

2. The Chairman drew attention to the fact that the General Assembly, in its resolution 47/67, had decided that the Subcommittee, taking into account the concerns of all countries, particularly those of developing countries, should continue, through its working group, its consideration of matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space and to the character and utilization of the geostationary orbit, including consideration of ways and means to ensure the rational and equitable use of the geostationary orbit, without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union.

3. The Subcommittee noted that the subject of the geostationary orbit had been under consideration in the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its thirtieth session, in 1993, and that the relevant part of the report of that Subcommittee was contained in document A/AC.105/543, paragraphs 67 to 75.

4. The Subcommittee had before it working papers submitted at its previous sessions under this agenda item. The Subcommittee also had before it a working paper entitled "Geostationary satellite orbit" (A/AC.105/C.2/L.192), submitted at its current session by the delegation of Colombia, which is set out in section ___ of annex IV to the present report.

5. The views expressed by delegations during the debate on agenda item 4 are contained in summary records A/AC.105/C.2/SR.565 to 568.

6. As mentioned in paragraph ___ above, the Subcommittee, at its 562nd meeting, re-established its Working Group on agenda item 4 under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Zawels, representative of Argentina.

7. At the ___ meeting, on 8 April, the Chairman of the Working Group reported to the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee took note with appreciation of the report, which is set out in annex II to the present report.